

## Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 29, 1880, with transcript

2 Bulfinch Place, Boston, Mass., February 29th, 80. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

I found your telegram here on my arrival this morning. The N. B. T. Co. sent a paper for signature, a week ago, totally unlike the agreement as arranged between us. New papers are therefore of course, necessary.

I shall keep you informed of all proceedings from day to day. I shall see Mr. Williams tomorrow in re counsel (Muzzey). I was informed yesterday that Mr. Swinyard is to oppose our Act of Incorporation now begun in Dominion Parliament on the ground of its interference with vested rights(of the Dominion Telegraph Co.). This opposition is absurd as the transfer of the patents is subject to all existing contracts. Our lawyers are asking for instructions about the suits, in answer to inquiries from the solicitors of the Montreal Telegraph Co. The delay in settling the business is vexatious. The cases may have to come on in the Canadian Courts after all, when I had settled all costs already incurred. I do not like the way in which the N. B. T. Co. have acted. Glad to hear that all is going on well with you and yours.

Love to Mabel and all.

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.